



ALEXANDRIA.

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 4.

THERE is some talk about the possibility of a veto of the bill to enlarge the agricultural bureau to the size and expense of a department. Why the bill should not be vetoed, no wise man, irrespective of the way by which he makes his living, can tell. A department would employ more clerks than a bureau, but the clerks would not be taken from the farmer class; and the Secretary of Agriculture would not be a practical farmer, but a politician with some theoretical knowledge of scientific farming, who would draw a larger salary than the chief of the agricultural bureau, but the duties of both would be the same, except that the former would have a seat at the cabinet table. There is no more reason why there should be a department of agriculture than a department of manufactures, a department of merchandizing, a professional department, or a department of any of the other industries in which people in this age and country are compelled to work in order to live. A department of agriculture would increase the expenses of the government, and as the money to meet those expenses is raised by taxes exacted of the people, and as the farmers constitute the larger portion of the people, the farmers would necessarily have to bear the brunt of the burden; but in what conceivable way they would, or could, be profited, or even recompensed, none of the Congressmen who have been engaged in furthering the bill referred to has as yet told those who would not oppose it if they knew any good reason why it should become a law.

THE RICHMOND Dispatch says: "We cannot too often warn the bondholders that Virginia is on the straight road to downright repudiation." That may be the way Virginians talk in Richmond, but those in other parts of the State are talking about settling the State debt on the best terms that can be made with the creditors, and as soon as possible, so that the foul blight of repudiation that is now retarding her and all her interests may be removed, and that she may regain her honor and credit among the sisterhood of States.

THE NEW YORK World very correctly remarks that "after we have taken due care to sustain the national dignity in the Samoan matter and are well out of the present annoying difficulty let the experience be a lesson to us and teach us to avoid the possibility of being similarly bothered in the future. It is not only wholly unnecessary but sheer folly for this country to lay itself liable to any such contingencies. This republic will have its hands full if it attends to its own business."

THE RICHMOND Dispatch says: "The GAZETTE has consistently pursued the policy of fighting on its own hook. It pays no attention to platforms, nor to changed circumstances, nor to popular clamor, nor to party policy. It has none of that rascally virtue prudence."

One of Virginia's greatest misfortunes since the war has been the fact that she has not had more newspapers like the GAZETTE in respect of all the qualifications referred to.

VIRGINIA, UNDER a correct assessment of her real and personal property, could well afford to settle her debt satisfactorily to her creditors, even at her present rate of taxation. With a high liquor license, which no body need pay unless he wants to, and a tax on bank paper, which every body who uses such paper is both able and willing to pay, the settlement of her debt would be a mere bagatelle.

GOV. LEE, in an interview with a correspondent of the New York Herald, says the best thing President elect Harrison can do with the Southern question is to let it alone. Upon the established principle that it is well to do nothing when you are in doubt, Mr. Harrison would do well to adopt the Governor's advice.

AN ECCENTRIC old schoolmaster in Long Island has died and left all his estate, valued at about \$75,000, to the U. S. government. Now the government has millions more than it knows what to do with. So to those who have shall be given, and the government wants to take from those who have little, all that they have.

THE TAXES of Nye county, Nev., are \$3.50 on the \$100. Taxes in the Virginia counties are 40 cents on the \$100. And yet there are people in Virginia who say that even with such a low tax rate, the State can not afford to pay her just debts, and must repudiate them.

AS SOON as a cabinet is decided upon for Mr. Harrison it is smashed, and a new one has to be made up to satisfy the cravings of the public. Among the latest on dit is that Mr. Everts will go into the cabinet.

THERE is no reliable foundation for any of the stories in reference to the death of Crown Prince Rudolf, of Austria. It seems certain, however, that a bullet, and not heart disease, killed the Prince.

IT is to be hoped that the legislature of West Virginia will do something, as the reports from Charleston are getting very monotonous.

Mrs. Matilda Griswold Frelinghuysen, widow of the late ex-Secretary of State Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, died suddenly at Newark, N. J., yesterday.

## From Washington.

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4, 1889.

Senator Allison says he sent his letter declining the offer of the Treasury portfolio last Tuesday night, so that it should have reached Mr. Harrison at Indianapolis on Friday night, but that he has as yet received no answer. It is currently reported here to-day that Mr. Sherman has informed Mr. Harrison that if Gov. Alger shall be nominated for a Cabinet position he shall make it his especial business to do all that can be done to prevent his confirmation. Mr. Sherman will never forgive the Governor for buying his negro delegates to the Chicago convention.

A delegation of Alexandrians, consisting of Messrs. Agnew, Harlow, Reed and Hume, were at the Capitol to-day, trying to bring such influence to bear upon Representative Kilgore, of Texas, as would induce him to offer no objection to the Mr. Vernon avenue bill, which it is the intention of Gen. Lee to call up to-morrow night, when, as agreed upon, a session will be held for the especial purpose of considering bills reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Gen. Sibley, of Fredericksburg, Va., will come up in the House again next Friday, and as some of those members who opposed it last Friday have had the bill explained to them, thereby removing their objections, it friends think it still has a chance.

The U. S. Supreme Court to-day announced its usual February recess.

The rumor that the President after the expiration of his official term will return to his profession and practice law in New York, is credited by all his friends here, and they say its source was the White House. Mr. Cleveland will be one of a law firm of which Messrs. Tracy and McVeigh will also be members.

Among the memorials laid before the Senate to-day was one by Mr. Ingalls, president pro tem. of that body, from Messrs. Patterson, president, and McLeod, secretary of the Tobacco Association of Richmond, containing a copy of certain resolutions adopted by that association in favor of the removal of the tobacco tax.

This being the day in the House on which bills can be called up under a suspension of the rules, the friends of the Pacific railroad bill, of the Mrs. Sheridan bill, and of the copyright bill were hopeful that their respective bills would be considered, but the opponents of all those bills combined, and from present appearances the whole day will be consumed in the call of States for bills and resolutions, as under that call they are demanding the reading of all the bills that are being introduced.

The President has not yet approved the bill appropriating \$10,000 for keeping the channel of the Potomac open during any freeze that may occur during the remainder of the present, or next winter, but it is not doubted that he will. The bill authorizes the Commissioners of the District of Columbia during any such freeze to charter steamboats or tugs now on the river to keep the channel open.

The bill that has passed the Senate and that is now before the House for a customs house and postoffice at Newport News appropriates \$50,000 for that purpose.

In the House on Saturday General Lee presented petitions of M. Kingsley Brooke and Adolph Greenlaw, of Stafford county, Va., for reference of their claims to the court of claims.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

A. C. Carter, an old and well known citizen of Lynchburg, died there on Saturday.

So far this season 419,000 bales of cotton have been received at Norfolk, a considerable increase over last season.

Truckers around Norfolk are apprehensive of damage to the green pea crop because of the prevailing frosty weather in that section.

Millard F. Lynch, of Virginia, was on Saturday appointed draughtsman, at \$1,100, in the Quartermaster General's office in Washington.

Thomas Fletcher, an influential citizen of Accomac county, was found dead in bed yesterday. He is supposed to have died of heart disease.

Prof. M. D. Hall, superintendent of schools of Fairfax county, is mentioned as a possible successor of Dr. Buchanan, as State superintendent of public schools.

John J. Mays, a popular young citizen of Lynchburg, and late teller of the R. A. Krize banking house, died suddenly Saturday night from an overdose of morphine.

The trial of W. H. Bonaparte, colored, for the abduction of Ruth Tonnelle, a young white girl, was concluded at Hampton on Saturday night and the prisoner sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Bonaparte is an octogenarian of intelligence, and prepossessing in appearance. He had represented himself to the girl as a white man and a son of a prominent white gentleman of Hampton, and had said he could marry any white girl in the village.

## The Samoan Affair.

A dispatch from Berlin says: "There has been a lively exchange of notes on the Samoan question between the Governments of Germany, England and the United States, but as this takes time and trouble, a conference of plenipotentiaries will possibly be arranged to settle the question."

Secretary Bayard says that he has not received the proposition from Prince Bismarck for a conference in regard to the Samoan affair, but thinks it will arrive in a few days. Secretary Bayard says Prince Bismarck's concessions were made before his (Bayard's) last protest was communicated to him. Consul General Sewall has been instructed to delay his departure of Samoa.

While in New York on Saturday Secretary Whitney said he thought the Samoan difficulty would soon be settled, and that there are enough American war vessels in the Polynesian Ocean to meet any immediate emergency.

CABINET TALK.—All doubts about Messrs. Blaine and Wanamaker have been removed by the action of those two gentlemen in securing residences in Washington. Mr. Blaine is said to have leased the house on Lafayette Park, formerly occupied by Secretary Seward, and in which Payne made an attempt to assassinate him in 1865. He was unable to secure the residence of the late W. W. Corcoran. Mr. Wanamaker has purchased the Frelinghuysen house, on 11th street, above Seventeenth, now occupied by Secretary Whitney for \$80,000.

A dispatch from Indianapolis says that General Harrison denies the report that Mr. Allison has declined the Secretaryship; however, Mr. John C. New is now spoken of for that portfolio.

The talk of W. M. Everts for Attorney General is believed to have some foundation. Mr. Henderson, of Missouri, and Gen. Alger are regarded as off the slate. Ex-Gov. Foster, of Ohio, and Judge Esteo, of California, are believed to be among the winning ones.

THE QUESTION in London in "society" is who is going to stand sponsor for the Duchess of Marlborough at the Queen's Drawing-Room this month. Her friends say that she means to be present. The rule against divorced women, it is contended, scarcely extends to a woman who has married a divorced man. If the American Duchess succeeds in getting admission to Buckingham Palace she will probably meet there the Marchioness of Blandford, her husband's former wife, which may prove a little embarrassing.

## The Crown Prince's Death.

Crown Prince Rudolf's death has given rise to a most extraordinary crop of rumors. One report has it that the Prince was assassinated by a nobleman whom he had dishonored, another that he was forced by the same person to shoot himself in order to avoid a duel, and still another that his death is in some mysterious manner to be laid to the charge of Bismarck, who has found some subtle means to dispose of his enemies one after another, as fast as they grew too troublesome. It is officially announced that the Prince committed suicide and this announcement is generally accepted as the truth. The post mortem medical report in the case sets at rest the rumors of murder, the theory of brain disease being generally accepted. The court surgeons, in their official report on the death of Crown Prince Rudolf, say that they found a peculiar flattening of the skull internally, a depression of the cerebral folds and an enlargement of the ventricles of the brain. These abnormal conditions, the surgeons say, justify the belief that the Crown Prince was insane. The moral fortitude of Emperor Francis Joseph in allowing the publication of the fact of the Crown Prince's suicide elicits general admiration. In his message to Emperor William he plainly stated the cause of death. Emperor William's short response was: "Words cannot console; God's help alone can do so. I weep with you." It was natural, but unfortunate, that the authorities tried to conceal the manner of his death as now some mystery will always cling to the tragedy, in spite of the evidence of those who were near by when it happened. The succession to the Austrian throne is by no means established, as it is hinted that an heir may be born during the year.

The duel story as telegraphed is as follows: Crown Prince Rudolf was killed in a duel Tuesday last by Count Francis Clam-Gallas. The Prince's witnesses were Count Hoyos and Prince Coburg, his brother-in-law. The Count's witnesses were Prince Ferdinand Kiseley and another nobleman. The duel was fought at 4 p. m. in a little wood near Baden. The Prince was wounded and transported to the nearest castle—Meyerling. He died late in the evening. The Prince had been paying attention to the Countess Clam-Gallas, nee Hoyos, a beautiful woman with a handsome figure, for the last six months. It is claimed that recently while on a shooting excursion on the estate of the lady's mother-in-law Count Clam-Gallas surprised his wife in a compromising situation with the Crown Prince. The Count at once challenged Crown Prince Rudolf, and the latter asked for time in which to consider it. At the expiration of the time, which occurred last Tuesday, he declared that, in accordance with the unwritten rules of all affairs of honor in Austria, he would avail himself of the privilege of declining the challenge, but he would give satisfaction. Subsequently the Prince changed his mind and the duel occurred as stated. The Emperor, who knew of the whole affair, has, it is said, fully approved his son's behavior.

The assassination story is as follows: At the Court ball on Sunday night the Prince's attentions to a very beautiful Princess, whose husband is a member of one of the oldest families of princely rank in Austria, did not escape comment. The story runs that at 1 o'clock on Monday morning Rudolf escorted his wife to her carriage, and after bidding her adieu remained chatting with the German ambassador. On leaving the embassy he directed his steps to the Michaeler Platz, where he had promised to meet his brother-in-law, Duke Philip of Coburg, and Count Hoyos. He had been arranged that they should drive thence out to the hunting lodge at Meyerling, some thirty miles distant. On reaching the Michaeler Platz the Crown Prince found his brother-in-law and Count Hoyos waiting for his arrival ready to convey the party out to Meyerling.

Suddenly, however, the Crown Prince turned to his companions and begged of them to excuse him, and muttering something about being "en bonne fortune," declared that he would join them later in the day. Both Duke Philip and Count Hoyos entreated him to forego his rendezvous, warning him of the risk, and of the scandal which would inevitably ensue if his intrigue were to become known. However, he laughingly told them to cease their remonstrances, and disappeared, waving in the air a pass key, and singing snatches of a popular ballad.

On Monday morning at 7 o'clock one of the richest and most powerful nobles of the Empire was in the act of leaving his palace for the purpose of trying a young horse, which had just been presented to him by the Crown Prince, when suddenly he happened to catch sight of a man skulking in the shadow of the wall just under the private staircase leading up to his wife's apartments. The Prince sprang forward to catch the stranger, who endeavored to save himself by flight. The Prince, who was fleetest on foot, soon overtook him, and clutching his cloak, tore it from him. To his horror he discovered that the recreant was no other than the heir to the throne. The latter taking advantage of the momentary consternation of his pursuer, sprang forward, and quickly jumping into a two horse carriage was driven off before the wronged husband recovered his senses.

Reaching the shooting lodge at Meyerling at about 11 o'clock, the Crown Prince spent the remainder of the day on the bills shooting, and made no mention of or reference to the unpleasant ending of his adventures to his friends. On Wednesday morning the Prince awoke very early and called to Johann, his old valet, to open the blinds and bring him his letters. The shooting lodge at Meyerling is a small two story building, and the Crown Prince occupied an apartment on the ground floor. On opening the blinds the valet remarked that there were two strange men in the garden, and mentioned the fact to Rudolf. The latter carelessly replied that they were probably some of the beaters come for orders, and then, sitting up in his bed, propped the pillow up against the window, and, leaning his head against it, commenced to read his letters, evidently in a state of great excitement and worry. Johann then left the room to prepare the coffee, but meeting Count Hoyos in the hall said: "There are two men in the garden whom I have never seen before and whose looks I don't like." At this moment a pistol shot was heard. All rushed to the Crown Prince's room, where a terrible spectacle presented itself. The window-pane was smashed into a thousand pieces, and the Archduke lay dead in the bed with the back of his skull shattered and the brains scattered on the sheets.

The strangers in the garden were seen to jump the fence and to mount horses. Like lightning they disappeared into the forest, not, however, before Count Hoyos had recognized them the husband and the brother of the Princess with whom Rudolf had danced frequently at the German Embassy ball.

It is reported in Paris that the slayer of the Crown Prince Rudolf was the eminent financier and banker Kuranda, who had but recently become aware of what the royal world of Vienna had long discussed—the relations existing between the Prince and Mme. Kuranda. The injured husband resigned all the offices to which he had attained, as he supposed by reason of his inability, but which were really due to the secret influence of the Prince. He then proceeded

to avenge his honor. The chateau, where the tragedy occurred, was a gift to Mme. Kuranda from the Prince.

Notwithstanding the reports that Prince Rudolf was either murdered by the husband of the woman whom he betrayed, or was killed by him in a duel, the theory of suicide is insisted on. The Princess of the fact it is said that on the night preceding his death he wrote several copies of a letter before finally signing the one sent to his father. His candles were burned down to the sockets, proving that they had been burning for five or six hours.

Death must have been instantaneous. He placed the muzzle of the revolver behind his right ear. The bullet took an upward course through the brain and emerged from the middle of the forehead.

The contents of Rudolf's letter to the Emperor, it is said, are only now divulged to clear his memory from suspicions that are worse than the truth. It is alleged that he had for years had suicide in contemplation. When returning from the funeral of Ludwig he said: "I fear that my end will be as his."

It is said that the cause of his trouble was the absence of a male heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, but it is now a matter of common knowledge that a posthumous Prince may be born to the Princess Stephanie, and that because of this possibility the formal announcement that Archduke Francis is the heir presumptive to the throne is held back. Stephanie has had frequent fainting fits since her husband's death, and fears are felt for her life.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Dispatches from Wien assert that Prince Bismarck is threatened with paralysis.

An entire family of five persons was drowned near Bismarck, D. T., yesterday by breaking through the ice while crossing the Missouri river.

There will be a deficiency in the amount necessary for the payment of pensions for the current fiscal year, over and above existing appropriations, of about \$8,000,000.

It is stated in London that Sir Julian Paucotote, Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Foreign Office, has been appointed British Minister to the United States.

It is rumored that an attempt will be made by the French minister in the Chamber of Deputies to annul the election of General Boulanger for the Department of the Seine upon the grounds of bribery and corruption.

E. L. Schwartz, wife of the brakeman now serving a sentence in the Illinois penitentiary for the robbery and murder of Express Messenger Nichols on the Rock Island railroad, has confessed that her husband gave her \$13,500 of the stolen money.

A man named McNally, living in a little post town in West Virginia named Mouth of Pigeon, yesterday deliberately murdered John Chafers, with whom he had been on ill terms, but with whom a moment before he had pretended to renew friendship.

The sensational news leaked out at Vienna yesterday that a beautiful young baroness committed suicide by taking poison at Meyerling at the same time that the Crown Prince took his life. The two acts were committed almost simultaneously.

It is said that President Cleveland will return to New York to reside on the expiration of his term of office, and will resume the practice of law in New York city, having associated himself as counsel in the law firm of Bangs, Stetson, Tracy & MacVeigh.

A terrible railway accident occurred yesterday in Belgium. A train bound from Brussels struck a pillar of a bridge, causing the bridge to collapse. The train was carried down with it and completely wrecked. Fifteen persons were killed outright and fifty others were injured.

A meteor weighing several hundred pounds fell with a terrific crash late Saturday afternoon on Chicago avenue, in that city. Its fall caused the earth to shake as if visited by an earthquake. The meteor burst into fragments, and pieces were scattered around several blocks.

Annie Klaus was shot and killed in Philadelphia Saturday by Otto Kayser, a married man with two children. The detectives went to his house yesterday to arrest him when Kayser rushed up stairs, seized a razor, gashed his wife's throat and then his own, dying as the officers burst into the house.

Thomas Foy, aged eighteen years, living near Randolph Court House, W. Va., told some of the neighbors on Saturday that his half sister had died during the night, but yesterday it was ascertained that the little girl had been assaulted and then beaten to death. Foy afterwards confessed to the horrible double crime and was lodged in jail charged with murder.

Prosecutor Jenkins, of Camden, N. J., states officially that after a conference with the physicians who had examined into the case he was satisfied that the injuries of Miss Eisenhart, the Cooper Hospital nurse, were self-inflicted, and that he would not continue the investigation any further. The hospital authorities say that the Pinkerton detectives employed in the case have come to the same conclusion.

At the card reception given at the residence of Secretary and Mrs. Whitney in Washington on Friday night last, Mrs. Cleveland waltzed with Representative Scott, of Pennsylvania, and later danced in several quadrilles—entering into the evening's gaieties with all the enjoyment of a debutante. This was the first time since she came to Washington that Mrs. Cleveland had been seen to dance.

A NEW TARIFF BILL.—It is said that the democrats of the Ways and Means Committee have agreed to report a compromise bill by way of a substitute for the Senate and the Mills revenue bills. It will be reported early enough to give a full opportunity for passing it before Congress adjourns. It will contain the full free list of the Senate bill, the internal revenue feature except the free alcohol in the arts provisions, and all the tariff provisions which will work a reduction of taxation and revenue. To these will be added such of the distinctive features of the Mills bill as will be possible in a compromise, free wool to be one of them. \$50,000,000 is the sum named as the possible reduction.

MR. BENNETT, in addition to the Paris edition of the New York Herald, has started one in London, published every day in the week. By his energy and enterprise he is astonishing "the natives" in the old country.

Disease of an exhaustive nature that has a tendency to create an unnatural feeling such as fatigue, lassitude and great weakness throughout the system owe their origin to a lack of iron in the blood. Brown's Iron Bitters will restore the blood to its natural beautiful condition. Get the blood pure by using this remedy and disease will be quickly vanquished.

John Givener, a dairyman, who disappeared from his home near Columbus, Ohio, several days ago, was found murdered in a well on his premises yesterday, and two men who worked for him have been arrested on suspicion.

Two reporters of Birmingham, Ala., followed a supposed eye witness of the Hayes murder two thousand miles and secured his arrest.

A woman in Iowa has recently become the responsible mother of triplets. She is as bright and happy as a bird, for she has a big box of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and she isn't scared a bit.

UDAM CHEESE just received by J. C. MILBURN, no 30



## ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

## Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.

## SENATE.

Mr. Allison, from the committee on appropriations, reported back the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and the House joint resolution for payment to the legal representatives of James B. Eads, and gave notice that he would to-morrow call them up for action.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill "to declare unlawful trusts and combinations," but subsequently dispensed with its consideration and took up the Pacific funding bill.

## HOUSE.

The Speaker having proceeded to call the States for the introduction and reference of bills, filibustering was inaugurated by Mr. Payson, of Illinois, who sent to the clerk's desk and demanded the reading of a long printed bill to establish a court of appeals. His opposition is directed to the Union Pacific funding bill; and upon his desk rested a stack of bills, the reading of which will consume the entire day, unless he receives assurances that no effort will be made to pass that measure under a suspension of the rules.

The Court of Appeals bill having been duly read and referred, Mr. Payson brought forward for reading and reference, the bankruptcy bill—which, owing to its length, is a favorite weapon of filibusters, who desire to kill time.

A break in the monotony was made by Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, who, stating that it was apparent that nothing would be done under a suspension of the rules, called up as a matter of the highest privilege, the conference report on the bill to amend the interstate commerce act.

## The Trouble at an End.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The most important feature in connection with the strike this morning is the starting of the Second avenue cars. No attempt has been made to run these cars since the tie-up was inaugurated, and there was considerable doubt as to the security of the new drivers and conductors on that line. A start was made at 9 o'clock, however, with eight policemen on each car, and a dozen cars were soon running on schedule time. It is the intention of the company to run all its cars during the day. Cars are running on the Third, Fourth, Sixth and Seventh avenue lines and on the 23d street, 42d street, and Grand street lines as on Saturday, while the 8th avenue and Belt line intend to make a start later. There are very few strikers on the streets this morning. Trouble was experienced in running cars in Brooklyn, the strikers in some cases barricading the tracks.

## Deaths.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Rev. George Charles Street, canon of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in this city, died at Winter Park, Fla., aged 75.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 4.—Sarah J. Latimer, widow of Henry G. Latimer, died yesterday, leaving a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000. She was a very charitable woman and had but recently given \$40,000 for the new Presbyterian church now being erected.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Mary H. Fiske, well known in dramatic circles as a dramatist and theatrical writer, died at 6:30 this morning.

THE SALVATION ARMY vs. the POLICE.

LSHEPHEM, Mich., Feb. 4.—The salvation army paraded yesterday afternoon. So much noise was made that a policeman ordered them to move on. One of the soldiers defied the officer and was arrested but quickly rescued. The chief of police and other officers appeared on the scene and made several arrests. A mob followed the police to the city jail and rescued all but one prisoner. An effort will be made to-day to arrest and punish the leaders of the mob. The army has many adherents here and the struggle between its adherents and the authorities it is thought will result in trouble.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER STRIKE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The various carpenters' unions of Chicago are now actively consolidating and preparing to repeat their demands of a year ago for the eight hour day and 35 cents per hour as the minimum rate of wages. Their efforts in this direction last year were unsuccessful. Painters, gas fitters, the derrick handlers, the bricklayers, the tile layers and plasterers have, they claim, announced their intention of joining the carpenters and a vigorous effort will be made to carry their point.

## The Foreign Affairs Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day decided to recommend non-concurrence in and a conference on the Senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The amendment appropriating \$500,000 for the protection of American interests in Samoa met with unanimous approval but will be allowed to with the other amendments into conference.

## Twenty-four Persons Drowned.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The steamer Nereid collided with the British ship Killochan, off Dunegness last night, and both vessels went to the bottom in a very short time. Twenty four persons were drowned, including the captain of the Killochan. Nine members of the crews were rescued, one of whom afterward died. The weather was clear at the time of the collision.

"Doctor," said a despairing patient to his physician, "I am in a dreadful condition! I can neither lay nor set. What shall I do?" "I think you had better rest," was the reply. Now, if we consider that this poor fellow was all contorted with rheumatism, the doctor would have done much better by prescribing a bottle of Salvation Oil, which would have relieved his patient at once. Price 35 cents a bottle.

## Snow and Thunder.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—There was a heavy fall of snow in Berlin on Saturday accompanied by a thunder storm. In the mountain districts heavy and continuous rains have fallen and further floods are feared. There has been a severe storm on the North Sea and three Helligoland pilots have been drowned.

AN ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Norve Fremde* states that he has reason to believe that England and Germany have concluded an alliance similar to the Anglo Italian convention, having for its object the protection of the northern seas and ports.

ABSCONDERS.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—Two men answering the description of John E. Sullivan, the absconding county clerk of Indianapolis, and Thomas O. Neal, his chief clerk, arrived here on Saturday night late and put up at one of the principal hotels under assumed names.

MISSING SHIP.

GLASGOW, Feb. 4.—Fears are entertained here for the safety of the British ship Bay of Cadiz, Capt. Davidson, which sailed from Sydney N. S. W. Oct. 20 for San Francisco. A premium of ninety guineas has been offered to reimburse the vessel.

MURDERED AND ROBBED.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Rosa McElhone, aged about 50 years, was found dead at her home at Friendsville last Saturday. Upon investigation it was found that she had been murdered and her house robbed.

BURNED TO DEATH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Agnes Darcy, 42 years old, was fatally burned this forenoon while trying to light a fire with kerosene oil. Her mother, Catherine, was also badly burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

## The Panama Canal.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The tribunal before which the application was made for the dissolution of the old Panama Canal Company has decided in favor of the petition. The court appointed M. Brunet liquidator.

## Suffocated in a Lime Kiln.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 4.—Adam Lefevre, a prominent farmer of West Lampeter, was found suffocated in his own lime kiln yesterday. He had fallen asleep while attending to the fires.

## Steamer Foundered.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Spanish mail steamer Remus has foundered off the island of Biliran, one of the Philippines. All the passengers are supposed to have been drowned.

## Fire.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Fire at Antwerp, this county, last night caused about \$75,000 loss to business property in that village. Seven blocks were burned.

## Gale.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The gale which prevailed yesterday was general throughout England and Ireland. Much damage was done to buildings and telegraph lines.

## The King of Holland.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 4.—There has been a further improvement in the condition of the King of Holland.

## Telegraphic Briefs.

M. Ferronillet, the French Minister of Justice, has resigned.

At Rome, N. Y., last night the mercury fell to 32 degrees below zero.

Father McFadden, who was arrested yesterday at Gweedore, Ireland, at the time Policeman McTinn was killed, was taken to Letterkenny under a strong escort to-day.

## Distinguished Men.

Governor John Ireland, of Texas; Simon P. Hughes, of Arkansas; S. D. McEnery, Governor of Louisiana; J. D. Turner, Judge U. S. Court; Ex-Gov. Hubbard, Minister to Japan; Marion McLean, ex-Governor of Texas; W. C. Miller, ex-Governor of Arkansas; E. A. Perry, Governor of Florida; W. D. Bloxham, ex-Governor of Florida; John B. Gordon, Governor of Georgia; Alex. Gregg, Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Chancellor